
Identification of the User of C307

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Normally I collect Abraham Lincoln" and not Roosevelt, but I recently got hold of the meter usage shown below.



At home I found out the cover is franked with a stamp having perfin CSC punched in it (C307, B rated) and the user is not identified. The cover fits right within the catalog date-of-use range; 1926 - 1931. The 5¢ Roosevelt perforated 11x10 1/2 (Sc# 637), is tied by both a 2¢ meter imprint (MAY 20/1930 / NEW YORK N.Y.) and a machine postmark (HUD. TERM. STA. N.Y. 2 / MAY 20 / 1930). The 5¢ C307 perfined stamp is exactly the postage for a foreign first-class 1oz, letter [Oct 1, 1907 - Nov 1, 1953]. Each added ounce cost 3¢/oz, not 2¢. The red 2¢ meter imprint would pay the postage for a domestic, first-class surface letter at

that time...??? Was the meter a mistake? Or was the amount of postage added by the meter in error?

The cover is addressed to the DEUTSCHE BANK UND DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT, BERLIN, GERMANY. The red receiving mark of 28. MAI 30 N (=PM) fits with the address D.B. u. D.G.

The user, identified in the return address and consistent with the CSC perfin is thus identifiable as the Chase Securities Corporation, 60 Cedar St., New York, N. Y.

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